

RECOGNIZING JAKE BORNSTEIN,  
CHRIS KIELKOPF, KEELEY  
MAHANES, AND AARON SCHMIDT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 17, 2014*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jake Bornstein, Chris Kielkopf, Keeley Mahanes, and Aaron Schmidt for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Sixth District as interns in my Washington, DC office for the Fall 2014 session of Congress.

The work of these young men and women has been exemplary and I know they all have bright futures. They served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity to these four and look forward to seeing them build their careers in public service.

All four of our interns have made plans to continue their work next year with various organizations in both Colorado and Washington. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Jake Bornstein, Chris Kielkopf, Keeley Mahanes, and Aaron Schmidt for their service this fall.

HONORING DAVID BURRELLI

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the career of a distinguished servant of

Congress in the area of national defense—David Burrelli, Ph.D. In early January, Dave will retire from the Congressional Research Service after 30 years of faithful service to the legislative branch.

Dave joined CRS in 1985 while a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago. In the years that followed, he's contributed enormously to discussions in the national defense arena, supplying a thoughtful and rational voice on tough issues. One of Dave's many contributions involved helping me write into federal law the definition of gender neutral standards for women in ground combat assignments. His comprehensive knowledge on the issue was impressive and his guidance and steady hand, on something that no doubt was viewed by some as polarizing, produced a bipartisan product that is certain to have a beneficial impact on our military. Most importantly, the provision will ensure we maintain an effective fighting force—which Dave knows something about as a graduate of Marine Officer Candidate School in July 1978.

Dave's time in the Marine Corps was just the start of a long, distinguished record of service. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1979 and received his Master's degree from Maryland in 1981. In 1986, he received his Ph.D. and his dissertation "Evaluation of the Program to Recruit College-Bound Youth into the Army" helped the Army to develop a program which eventually became The New GI Bill. Dave's formal education did not end there. He is a proud 1996 graduate of the National War College where he received a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy.

As a CRS specialist in military manpower policy, Dave worked on military force structure, compensation, health care, and variety of military social issues such HIV/AIDS, and sexual assault to name but a few. Dave also became CRS's resident expert on military medals and awards and provided exemplary sup-

port to Congress on this important aspect of military service.

In March 1993, Dave was a leading witness for the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on "Policy Concerning Homosexuals in the Armed Forces." In a letter to the Director of CRS, Senator Sam Nunn, the committee chairman, noted "During one of the longest hearings we have ever held during my 20 years on the Committee, he consistently provided clear answers to extremely difficult questions about military life and the relationship between the military and civilian society. Dr. Burrelli has assisted the Committee in developing [an] authoritative foundation for the Committee's hearings on this most difficult issue. In doing so, he has performed an important public service." In recognition of Dave's recognized ability to handle difficult and sensitive topics, he continued to serve as the service's lead specialist on a variety of highly sensitive and important military social issues until his retirement. Dave also provided distinguished service to CRS as a supervisor of the CRS intern program for five years and as a Library of Congress docent for ten years. In his capacity as a docent, he was often asked to provide library tours to a variety of distinguished visitors.

And if all of this didn't keep Dave busy enough, his friends and colleagues tell me he's also an accomplished musician and has played in over 125 area theater productions as a bassist.

Dr. David Burrelli leaves behind him not only a distinguished public service career but a legacy of leadership and mentorship to colleagues, congressional staff, and defense policy analysts alike. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to him for his 30 years of service to Congress and our nation.